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Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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315 Washington Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your good letter of January 5.

You having one of the rare 1805 over 4 half dollars in almost uncirculated condition is really something. I have never seen one.

I sure would like to have the coin to have a photo made. You may rest assured I will return it promptly and in good condition.

Sincerely,

LG-Y

LOYD GETTYS, PRESIDENT.

January 23, 1948

Mr. Loyd Gettys  
902 First National Bank Building  
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Gettys:

In accordance with your letter of January 13, I am sending under separate cover my specimen of the rare 1805 over 04 half dollar which is in my holder which contains most of my half dollars from 1805 and 1806. My entire half dollar collection is based on major varieties which are obvious to the naked eye and I do not collect in accordance with any variety list. The Standard Catalog is too incomplete and the Beistle is too technical but yet fails to point out many major differences.

The ten coins which I am sending are as follows:

- 1805 over 04 - Wide date
- 1805 over 04 - Compact date
- 1805 - Wide date
- 1805 - Compact date
- 1805 - 12 arrows
- 1806 over 05
- 1806 over inverted 6
- 1806 with knob on 6 and small stars
- 1806 with knob on 6 and large stars
- 1806 pointed 6, compact date.

I am sure you will enjoy seeing these coins because of their beautiful condition. I presume you have a lovely set also. You may return them at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK



FIRST POLICY ISSUED  
FEBRUARY 1, 1843

LOYD GETTYS  
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WHEN WRITING ABOUT A POLICY ALWAYS GIVE THE NUMBER

DAVENPORT, IOWA  
January 27  
1948

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The half dollars arrived and I spent last evening going over them. It's a real snappy bunch of halves.

I attributed the coins starting with the upper left hand corner as No. 1, the lower left hand corner No. 6.

You only have one of the exceedingly rare dates and that is the No. 1, which is B2bCa. Your No. 2 coin is not of the same variety as the No. 1. If it were it would be as rare as the 96 or 97. You will notice the difference in the 5s and the 4 from that of No. 1.

The No. 6 specimen is not a 6 over 5 but a 6 over 6. Your No. 9 specimen is the 6 over 5.

You have a couple of other rare varieties, but none in your group is quite as rare as the No. 1 specimen. This is a dandy group and I am sure glad to have had the opportunity of looking them over. They are being returned today by prepaid express.

I understand they are arranging for a meeting in St. Louis on April 3rd. If that's the case I plan to be in attendance.

In the meantime, warm regards!

Sincerely,

LOYD GETTYS.

LG-Y

1. 1805x<sup>4</sup> B2bCa - Exceedingly rare
2. 1805x<sup>4</sup> B1A
3. 1805 - B6J
4. 1805 - Obverse of B5 - Reverse similar to G
5. 1805 B4B
6. 1806 over 6 B11S
7. B-2B - Very rare
8. B13U - Very Rare
9. B10p - 1806 over 1805
10. B4aJ

February 13, 1948

Mr. Loyd Gettys  
902 First National Bank Building  
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Gettys:

In going through the stock of the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. I found an 1805 over 04 half dollar of the rare variety with the wide date. I thought you might like to have it as it is in rather nice condition and shows all of the die breaks clearly. If you want it, please send your check for \$25.00 to the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., 408 Pine Street, St. Louis 2, Missouri.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

COPY TO MR. HANMAN

February 16  
1948

St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company  
408 Pine Street  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25. covering the 1805 over 4 half dollar Mr. Eric F. Newman forwarded to me this day. I appreciate very much receiving this coin.

I used to buy quite a number of coins from Mr. Johnson, and I am wondering if whoever reads this letter is the little lady I met in his office on one of my visits. If so, would you please write me, as I hate to admit I have forgotten your name. Also, I am interested in acquiring some coins.

Hoping to hear from you,

Cordially,

LG-Y

LOYD GETTIS.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of February 13.  
Copy of my letter to the St. Louis Stamp and Coin  
Company is attached.

I appreciate getting the half dollar.

Sincerely,

LOYD GETTYS.

LG-Y